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Mr. Tom Wheeler, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

I am writing to express appreciation for the role Comcast consistently plays in investing in our community. I work at Aurora Public Schools (APS) as a Community Engagement Advocate and also serve as an elected official of Aurora City Council, and have seen the many different ways that Comcast provides valuable support to address community needs. It is because of Comcast's ongoing commitment to investing in and strengthening our community that I believe the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable is worthy of your consideration.

I have seen Comcast provide college scholarships to APS high school seniors every year for the last several years to support their post-secondary educational plans, which has meant a great deal to our Aurora families. More than 70% of all students in our district qualify for the free or reduced school lunch program; with so many of our families living in poverty, paying for college can prove very difficult. Comcast's annual scholarship program has helped make college a reality for many of our young leaders.

Our school district is also grateful for the many opportunities we have had to work in partnership with Comcast to make our families aware of the Internet Essentials program, which makes home Internet service affordable for low-income families. Every year for the last four years, Comcast has sponsored an annual back-to-school event that I help lead for the district, and their support helps us donate backpacks filled with school supplies to 4,000 students in need every August. Comcast staff members have also attended this event each year to share information about Internet Essentials with the nearly 8,000 parents and students who attend.

Comcast also has been a sponsor of the Aurora Public Schools Education Foundation for several years, where I serve as a board member along with a Comcast leader who recently became chair of our board. Comcast's support and participation is helping the Foundation create valuable resources in every APS high school that will enable our students to identify post-secondary education and training opportunities, and help them apply for and secure the financial aid and scholarships that can make those opportunities a reality.

Our school communities have also benefited for many years from Comcast Cares Day projects, as the company has included APS projects as part of this annual day of volunteer service. The Comcast Cares Day projects have served as a wonderful means of bringing together Comcast employees, their families, school district leaders, board of education members, students, teachers, and other members of the Aurora community to work on service projects that have greatly benefited our schools and the students they serve. I have seen these volunteers work hard to clean up school grounds, paint classrooms, install new landscaping for school playground areas, and more. We are grateful for this commitment and support, and delighted to know that another APS project will be included in Comcast Cares Day next April.

As a member of Aurora City Council, I also appreciate the strong business relationship Comcast has with our local businesses and our city, including carrying the Aurora Channel 8, which broadcasts City Council

meetings for public viewing and offers a variety of local-area programming and news for Aurora citizens. I believe Comcast's culture of investing in communities will continue as the company expands, thereby reaching more families in need through efforts such as Comcast's annual college scholarship program, Internet Essentials, Comcast Cares Day, and more. We are grateful for Comcast's commitment to strengthening Aurora.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debi Hunter Holen".

Debi Hunter Holen  
Community Engagement Advocate